

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Would you please give some instruction to them to reduce corporal punishment?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Personally I have given instructions to every Headmaster to reduce corporal punishment to the minimum.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Thank you.

Wells—Cranganur Schools.

311. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House.—

(1) whether there are at present separate wells in Cranganur High School, for the use of the caste-Hindu Boys and for the non-caste boys ;

(2) if the answer is in the affirmative, when did this system of keeping separate wells for different communities come into existence in Cranganur High School ;

(3) were there not non-caste Hindu boys in the same High School when there was only one well there ;

(4) what necessitated the present innovation in Cranganur High School ;

(5) why is such an invidious distinction maintained in an educational institution intended for immature young minds ;

(6) are the Government aware that there are not separate wells for different classes in the Girls' High School of the same locality ;

(7) who was the Headmaster of the High School for boys at the time when the separate system was first introduced and who was the Headmistress of the Girls' Institution at the time and to what caste did each belong ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) In 1101.

(3) Yes.

(4) Since the construction of the first well none other than caste Hindus used to touch it. On the representation of non-Hindus another well was constructed and the existing practice was allowed to continue in the case of the other well.

(5) The Education Department only reflects the general trend of public opinion and when society comes to view these distinctions as invidious they will die out from the schools.

(6) Yes.

(7) **Mr. M. A. Krishna Ayyar**, Caste-Hindu. **Mrs. Elizabeth Xavier**, Christian.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—(6) In the Cranganur Girls' School are all classes admitted?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Are all those classes of girls allowed to use the well there?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes, that is my information.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Do the Government consider that the ladies in Cranganur are more advanced than the boys in social matters?

Deputy President.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—My question is this. Because there are two wells in the Boys' High School in Cranganur, have the Government come to know that girls in Cranganur are more advanced in social matters than the boys?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No. I can only say it is a matter of opinion.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—From the facts we find that one well existed in the Boys' High School. There was no necessity for a second well if this was not so.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The digging of a second well in the Boys' High School is only accidental. It is not because the girls are more advanced. I can only make a general statement in this connection that the women are generally more advanced than men.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Is it the case with Cranganur also?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—(7). Were the two wells in the Cranganur Boys' High School constructed on the recommendation of the Headmaster?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Has the Head of the Department nothing to do with that?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Whenever anything is done the Headmaster's opinion is usually taken, but whether in this particular instance the Headmaster's opinion was taken or not, I have no information.

Complaint—Trippunittura Hospital.

312. **Mr. K. Ayyappan.**—Will the Government be pleased to answer the following:—

(1) have the Government or the Medical Department received recently a complaint against the Doctor in charge of the Hospital, Trippunittura, in connection with a maternity case in the Hospital;

(2) what were the allegations in the complaint;

(3) did the Chief Medical Officer conduct any enquiry on the complaint;